

**United States Embassy Dakar, Senegal
Security Message for U.S. Citizens
Possible Travel Disruptions in and to The Gambia**

December 30, 2014

The U.S. Embassy Dakar has received reports of a possible coup attempt in Banjul during the early morning hours of December 30. The U.S. Embassy Banjul reported that Denton Bridge is closed to traffic and strongly advises U.S. citizens to avoid Banjul proper and the area near Denton Bridge, which leads into the city. U.S. citizens from neighboring countries intending to travel to The Gambia should closely monitor the developing situation and consider carefully their travel plans. You can find the latest security information from the U.S. Embassy Banjul [here](#).

As always, U.S. citizens are encouraged to practice good situational awareness and remain observant at all times. Be aware that demonstrations intended to be peaceful can quickly escalate into violence. Avoid crowds, political gatherings, and street demonstrations, even if they appear to be peaceful. Exercise caution when in the vicinity of demonstrations or police activity and be aware of your surroundings at all times.

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We strongly recommend U.S. citizens traveling to or residing in Senegal or Guinea-Bissau enroll in the Department of State's [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#). STEP enrollment gives the latest security updates, and makes it easier for the U.S. embassy or nearest U.S. consulate to contact you in an emergency. If you don't have Internet access, enroll directly with the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate.

In addition, if you wish to participate in the optional SMS/text messaging program to receive security notices via text message, please send an email to DakarACS@state.gov for additional information.

Regularly monitor the State Department's [website](#), where you can find current [Travel Warnings](#), [Travel Alerts](#), and the [Worldwide Caution](#). Read the [Country Specific Information](#) for Senegal and neighboring countries. For additional information, refer to the [Traveler's Checklist](#) on the State Department's website.

Contact the U.S. embassy or consulate for up-to-date information on travel restrictions. You can also call 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or 1-202-501-4444 from other countries. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays). Follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) to have travel information at your fingertips.

The U.S. Embassy in Dakar is located on Route des Almadies and is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you are a U.S. citizen in need of urgent assistance, the emergency number for the U.S. Embassy is +221 33 879 4444.